Setting up of Oil Refinery Karnal

393. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER; Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present position with regard to the setting up of an oil refinery in Karnal, Haryanaj

(b) what are the reasons for the delay in the execution of the project; and

(c) what measures have been taken by Government to accelerate the progress of its completion?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRA-KASH MALAVIYA): (a) to (c) A proposal to set up a 6 MTPA refinery at Karnal, Haryana is under the consideration of the Government. The delay in the implementation of the project has been due to a number of techno-economic issues which had to be considered. Government has asked Indian Oil Corporation to prepare the revised Feasibility Report at the earliest as that further steps for the ap-pdoval of the project csn be taken expeditiously

System of ictention prices of drugs

304. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY; SHRI RAJNl RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that the system of retention prices of drugs was abolished without introducing any differential tarrif mechanism;

(b) if so, what is the position of unintended benefits which accrue to the producers;

(c) what is the price differential between producers of Stereptomycin, Tetracycline, Asprin, Vitamin A and Chloro-quine where differential prices were fixed under DPCO, 1979;

(d) whether it is a fact that present system is discriminatory amongst the producers as well as the consumers; and

(e) if so, what steps have been taken to rectify the situation?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRA-KASH MALAVIYA): (a) Yes, Sir. Government have powers under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987 to determine the prices of individual manufacturers of a bulk drug and also the weighted average price of such bulk drug.

(b) Price of a bulk drug which is noti fied by the Government is applicable to all the producers of the bulk drug.

(c) A uniform price on the basis of principle of weighted average have been fixed for all the drugs referred to under Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987;

(d) and (e) The present Drug Policy is already under review.

Price reduction of medicines

395. CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK; SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU;

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that his Minis try reduced the prices of certain medicine* during the year 1990;

(b) if so, the names of the finished medicines, their earlier price and the redu ced price of each;

(c) whether it is a fact that a number of companies have not implemented the redu ced prices; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and what action has been taken in each case'

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMEN-TARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAr, KASH MALAVIYA); (a) to (d) Revi-